



2016 TOWN OF FAIRFAX

**SELECTBOARD MEETING
MONDAY AUGUST 1, 2016
7:00 PM**

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Selectboard Members Present: Tom Fontaine, Chair, Lauri Fisher, Vice-Chair, Randy DeVine and Duane Leach. Leebeth Ann Lemieux was absent.

Staff Present: D. Jay Leach, Road Foreman; Colin Santee, Recreation Director; Deb Woodward, TC & Treas. and Stacy Wells, Adm. Asst.

Public Present: Chris LeClair, James McGuinness, Carl Jones and Mary Beerworth. Rob, LCATV, videotaped the meeting.

Call to Order: Tom called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Minutes:

7.18.16: *Duane motioned to accept the minutes as written seconded by Randy. Vote 4-0 in favor.

Orders & Payroll: Duane reviewed the orders which were approved by the Board.

Public Comment:

James McGuinness: Jim is here this evening to update the Board on the stone ramp built on the riverbank. (Please see minutes of 7.18.16). The developer, Craig McDonald, still has ownership of the common land. Once an association is formed, Craig will sign the property over to the association. No action was taken at this time on the stone ramp.

Chris LeClair: Chris is here this evening to discuss his concern over the new garbage and recycling totes. The totes delivered to the residents by Casella are 96-gallon wheeled carts. Chris stated that he lives in an eleven house development, which would equate to 22 totes. He asked if it would be possible for Casella to travel on Benny Road to pick up the trash/recycling at each home.

Action: We will keep a list of names of callers and their concerns and present it to Casella for resolution.

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D. Jay Leach, Road Foreman:

D. Jay stated that everything is going well. They have been trucking sand from Berkshire at \$5.00 a yard of good material. It takes approximately two hours round trip.

The mowing of the roadsides is at a standstill as no one is available to mow until September. D. Jay was concerned with paying W.C. for the sub-contractor for the mowing and if the money to pay the W.C. comes out of the highway budget. Deb Woodward, TC & Treasurer, informed D. Jay that the money for W.C. does not come out of the highway budget.

Lauri asked the status on the special project involving Wilkins and Swamp Roads. D. Jay estimated the cost at approximately \$60,000, of which we have \$30,000 to \$35,000. Grant money may be available for this project. We will consider this project for 2017, and set aside money in the budget. A feasibility study was done on this in 2010.

Lauri asked the status of Allen Irish Road and the work Westford is doing on the road at the Route 15 end. All the fill and stone is being placed on Route 104 with trucks constantly traveling back and forth. Westford said that they would grade the road if the road gets out of shape. D. Jay will keep an eye on the condition of the road.

Lauri asked the status of Sand Hill Road with ditching and cleaning out the culverts. D. Jay stated that he will need traffic control people for this project. He plans on getting to this in the near future.

Randy asked D. Jay when he plans to fix the two dips at the bottom of Buck Hollow Road. D. Jay replied he would fix them around the end of August, or the first of September.

A boring/excavation permit for CY0070 was reviewed by the Board and D. Jay. The permit was giving the OK signed by the Board. The fee for a paved road was collected.

Colin Santee, Parks and Recreation Director:

Colin is here to update the Board on activities that have taken place through the month of July and upcoming events.

The July 4th parade and festivities profited \$556. Colin feels that there needs to be more activities at the rec. field after the parade to keep people in the area. A discussion on having fireworks in the future was entertained.

The "Ducky Race" made \$48 more dollars than last year.

100 Acre Woods: A meeting was held at the woods with Sherry Winnie, Vermont Forest, Parks & Recreation Department, Scott Dillon, Department of Historic Preservation, Pat Pfeiffer, VYCC contractor, Mike Kane and Colin. The topic of discussion was moving the area forward. The original \$13,000 estimate for improving trails and constructing more multi-use trails was too high. It was felt that \$4,000 would be sufficient. Sherry has put Colin in contact with some archeologic survey companies and will put out RFQ's.

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Colin Santee, Parks and Recreation Director: Cont.

The access easement at the 100 acre woods was discussed as the resident that lives on the road feels that the town should take care of the ditch in the right-of-way. The plan of action is to look into the deed of easement to find out where the responsibility lies.

Lauri asked Colin about the progress with moving the Baptist building forward. It was suggested that he meet with the various committees, form a plan and establish goals projected out for five years.

The rec. park bathrooms are finished. Colin has been asked by a couple of individuals if accessibility to the bathrooms could be more than the regular business hours. Due to possible vandalism, it was felt that this wasn't a good idea.

The egg run is coming up this weekend with 120+ registered so far. Contributors to the run are: Steeple Market, Fairfax Pharmacy, Fairfax Physical Therapy, Minor's Country Store and Eastman's Bakery.

Other Business:

1. A Road Name Application, submitted by Marc Bessette, was reviewed with Old Homestead Road as the number one choice - which the Board approved. The spelling of the name was checked with Marc and approved for Homestead.
2. The Fee Schedule was reviewed in reference to a replacement home. Lauri will contact Amber, Zoning Administrator, to discuss the fee.
3. Tom talked to Bob Perry, Casella, today to discuss the totes and the concerns the citizens have regarding the size of the totes and the ability to get them to a designated area for pick-up. Refer to "Public Comment" for the course of action.
4. The "Event Ordinance" comes into effect on August 19th. Lauri will work on the town application for this.

Adjournment:

8:08 PM: Lauri motioned to adjourn; seconded by Duane. The motion carried with all in favor 4-0. The next Selectboard meeting will be August 15, 2016 at 7 pm.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by Stacy Wells, Adm. Asst. to the Selectboard.

Tom Fontaine, Chair
Fairfax Selectboard